

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO THE OSWEGO HIGH SCHOOL LADY BUCS HOCKEY TEAM

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Oswego High School Lady Bucs hockey team for their victory in the 2010 New York State Girls High School Hockey Championships.

On Saturday the 13th of February, high school hockey fans were treated to a great championship game between some of the most skilled players in the state when the Lady Bucs defeated Skaneateles in the final game 3-0. I understand that the Lady Bucs' championship win claimed the school's first team state title since the varsity boys bowling team accomplished the feat about two decades ago.

I want to congratulate the championship girls' team of Whitney Daino, Erika Lazzaro, Sage Dudley, Taylor Cianfarano, Kaitlin Friel, Sarah Mancuso, Danielle Faivus, Caroline Dougherty, Karissa Favata, Taite Phillips, Sarah Gosek, Lainey Celeste, Tessa Opet, Devyn Hutcheson, Caty Darling, Madisyn Whalen and Allison Yule on their hard work. I would also like to recognize Taylor Cianfarano for being named the tournament's most valuable player, as well as Devyn Hutcheson, Kaitlin Friel and goalie Madisyn Whalen for being selected to the all-tournament team.

I also want to extend my congratulations to head coach Dan Bartlett and assistants Beth Arduini and Andrew Lazzaro, who built upon an impressive legacy to take the team to victory. The elite status of these athletic young women could not have been reached without the combined dedication of these coaches.

Madam Speaker, the Lady Bucs' teamwork sets a strong example for the community and reminds us all what is possible when we come together. Again, congratulations to the Lady Bucs on their success.

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF DEDE LONG

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Dede Long on her retirement after 31 years of exemplary, devoted service to Briar Bush Nature Center, a non-profit organization dedicated to environmental education in Abington, PA. I am honored to represent Ms. Long and the people of Abington in Congress.

Founded in 1908 as a wildlife refuge Briar Bush was acquired by Abington Township in

1962 upon the passing of its founders. In 1964 the Friends of Briar Bush was created as a non-profit organization dedicated to providing environmental education to individuals and groups of all ages through on-site and outreach experiences, protecting and nurturing a natural wildlife habitat, and promoting conservation of natural resources by increasing awareness and understanding of the environment.

Dede Long was selected as Executive Director of Briar Bush in 1979. She brought with her her experience with the USO in Athens, Greece, as a junior high school science teacher in Japan, and her work at outdoor-education schools in California. Through her stewardship Ms. Long has worked to establish many effective relationships with local organizations and the nationally recognized partnership between Briar Bush Nature Center, the Friends of Briar Bush, Abington Township and the Abington School District. During her tenure at Briar Bush, she has increased the number of staff members, completed a full renovation of all exhibits, and added facilities such as The Treetops classroom and Butterfly House.

The Briar Bush Nature Center has received numerous awards, including "Nonprofit of the Year," and "Nickelodeon Parents' Pick" for the variety of family oriented programs and events offered yearly. Ms. Long has been acknowledged personally for her valuable work, receiving the 2008 Keystone Award from the Pennsylvania Alliance of Environmental Educators. She is an active member of her community and is involved in the Rotary Club of Jenkintown, the Abington Community Taskforce, and the Eastern Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce. She also supports many special events sponsored by other community organizations including the Jenkintown Day Nursery, Abington Education Foundation, Police Athletic League and Old York Road Historical Society.

Madam Speaker, once again I applaud Dede Long for her dedication, service, and accomplishment as Executive Director of Briar Bush Nature Center and environmental leader for over three decades. I offer my heartfelt congratulations to her on the momentous occasion of her retirement.

THE KIDNEY OF BARBI VAVRA GOES TO DON NEYLAND

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise before you today to recognize Barbi Vavra and Don Neyland, two brave Liberty County Sheriff's Office employees from the great State of Texas. Their lives of service to the community are extraordinary examples of self sacrifice. It gives me great

pleasure to recognize these two outstanding Texans before Congress and this Nation.

Sergeant Don Neyland with the Liberty County Sheriff's Office has bravely served the people of Liberty County as a police officer and investigator for 19 years. Yet, his life of service is all the more impressive because he suffers from serious kidney problems. One fateful day in 2009, Sergeant Neyland learned from doctors that he would need a kidney transplant. Soon his family members all began getting tested to see if they would be able to donate a kidney; but no match was found. Still continuing to hope, Sergeant Neyland decided to hand out brochures to coworkers about becoming a living kidney donor.

Twenty one year old coworker and friend, Barbi Vavra who is a clerk at the Liberty County Sheriff's Department read one of those pamphlets and decided to get tested. She turned out to be a perfect match and agreed to donate one of her kidneys to Sergeant Neyland. The surgery took place yesterday, March 2nd, and the two are doing very well in recovery.

Texas might have lost a hero and friend to Liberty County. Instead because Barbi decided to share the "gift of life" Sergeant Neyland and now our great State has one more hero to look to. This gift is truly inspiring.

The State of Texas and our Nation is a better place because of people like Barbi Vavra and Don Neyland. I am honored to recognize Barbi and Don, true Texans, for their example of heroism and selflessness to each other and to their community.

HONORING MS. TINA HALLQUIST

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to the people of Chautauqua County by Ms. Tina Hallquist. Ms. Hallquist served her constituency faithfully and justly during her tenure as a member of the Chautauqua County Legislature, serving district 13.

Public service is a difficult and fulfilling career. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Ms. Hallquist served her term with her head held high and a smile on her face the entire way. I have no doubt that her kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the people of Chautauqua County.

We are truly blessed to have such strong individuals with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Ms. Hallquist is one of those people and that is why, Madam Speaker, I rise in tribute to her today.

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IN HONOR OF LAUREN O'CONNOR

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Lauren O'Connor who is driving across America to raise awareness and \$100,000 for Great Danes and animal rescues. Each year, millions of animals, mostly cats and dogs, are euthanized due to overpopulation and the lack of people willing to adopt them, at the same time that many animals are bred for the sole purpose of being bought and sold at pet stores.

Lauren, originally from Texas, went to college in West Virginia. She graduated with a degree in Public Relations. It was there that she met her Great Dane, Harley. Now 6, Harley is her traveling companion on this cross country journey.

Beginning on March 1st in New Jersey, Lauren, who resigned from her job at a Fortune 10 company in order to pursue her commitment to rescue dogs, will visit over 56 cities in her travels across the country, organizing events and benefits to raise money and educate people about Great Danes and rescue dogs. All of the proceeds that are raised will be donated to rescues and shelters around the country.

She is able to take on this worthy cause because of the kindness or her family and friends. In addition, complete strangers have been able to follow Lauren on her adventures through her Web site and her Twitter account.

Madam Speaker, Lauren O'Connor is venturing on an experience of a lifetime. Her trip across the country to raise awareness and money for rescue dogs is inspiring to us all and I would like to commend Lauren on her commitment to this very worthy cause.

IN TRIBUTE TO REPRESENTATIVE
JOHN P. MURTHA OF PENNSYLVANIA

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to say goodbye to a friend.

New York City, and the rest of the world, lost a friend when Jack Murtha died.

Jack Murtha served his country in every possible way.

He served it in Vietnam as a Marine; he served in western Pennsylvania as a son, husband and father; and he served it for over 40 years in Harrisburg and in Washington, as a legislator's legislator.

He won respect for the honest, plainspoken, compassionate way he played all of these roles.

But to me, he played those roles like a brother.

He spoke often of the strong women in his family being essential to his success in life.

His great-grandmother, he once recalled, told him at age 6, "You're put on this Earth to make a difference."

Boy, did he ever.

He volunteered as a Marine, first in the 1950s during the Korean war.

He re-enlisted at age 34 and served in Vietnam—earning the Bronze Star, two Purple Hearts, and the Vietnamese Cross for Gallantry.

He became the first Vietnam veteran to be elected to Congress, in a February 1974 special election, starting a legendary Washington career as a member of the Appropriations Committee.

When I came to this chamber for the first time, the "Pennsylvania Corner" was in full flower. We grew close and even though we didn't agree on everything, we worked together often—on issues ranging from breast cancer research funding to the Intrepid Museum on the Hudson.

When he decided that the Iraq war was unwinnable in 2005, he earned his stripes all over again, providing leadership on this crucial issue. He visited my district, and so many others, explaining how he came to his decision.

Madam Speaker, as a Congressman, Jack Murtha won respect in these halls and on this floor . . . but as a man, he earned our love. We will miss him.

My thoughts and prayers are with his wife Joyce, and the entire Murtha family.

RECOGNIZING DAVE ANDERSON

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Mr. PAULSEN. Madam Speaker, this past August, Dave Anderson of Minnetonka was selected into the Multiple Sclerosis Society Volunteer Hall of Fame for Programs and Services. He has been serving as vice president of MSWorld, an organization whose goal is to be a national source of support and information for those living with MS. In addition, Dave founded the Brainerd Lakes Chapter of "Fishing Has No Boundaries," which provides people with MS a weekend of fishing and socializing. I would like to recognize Dave Anderson for his commitment to improving communication between those in the MS community, as well as for integrating social networking into the lives of people with multiple sclerosis.

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former Mann County counsel Douglas Maloney who passed away on February 17, 2010 at his home in San Rafael, California. Serving on the legal frontlines of county government for more than three decades, Marin has greatly benefited from his unwavering dedication and skilled advocacy of the public's best interest.

Born in San Francisco in 1933, Mr. Maloney, a 50-year member of the California Bar Association, received his bachelor's degree from the California Maritime Academy in Vallejo, California, and his law degree from

the University of San Francisco. A world traveler, voracious reader, exceptional public speaker, and a prolific writer, Doug Maloney loved life!

It was Doug Maloney who led the county's legal defense of the "Marin-only" provision in Ross philanthropist Beryl Buck's multi-million-dollar bequest. Maloney took on the San Francisco Foundation's challenge to spend the millions on needs beyond the county borders. With an outstanding legal team, he presented strong arguments upholding the Buck bequest and proving that, despite Marin's affluence, there were plenty of needs right in the county that could use financial assistance. The 1986 court-approved settlement transferred the Buck Trust to newly formed Marin Community Foundation to focus funds on research into aging, advocacy against alcohol abuse and research into educational issues. Had that battle been lost, Marin would be a far different place.

The legal engineer of land-use restrictions that saved West Marin from suburban sprawl, Maloney successfully defended the county's 1972 zoning restrictions designed to preserve and protect West Marin farmland and the ranching lifestyle. Challenged in 1989, Maloney won a federal court decision upholding the zoning restrictions and turning back a lawsuit by a Chicago landowner wanting to carve up his 561-acre Nicasio ranch. While we may take our open space and ranch lands for granted, we owe a huge debt of gratitude to the vision, political courage and legal skill of Douglas Maloney.

A man of great personal integrity and not one to back away from a rousing legal argument, Doug was good humored and a passionate follower of film and stage. He enjoyed rewriting fashionable Broadway shows and stage musicals, putting on a Marin spin and political satire to benefit local causes, complete with titles like, "As the Candidate Turns," "Damn Yuppies" and "Caucus Line." A popular op-ed columnist for the Marin Independent Journal, readers enjoyed his musings and appreciated his skill at weaving literature, history, politics, opinion and the proverbial Marin angle into his biweekly essays.

Doug Maloney was a devoted husband and father. In addition to his sister, Marion Berger of Redding, California, Mr. Maloney is survived by his wife of twenty-two years, Ellen Caulfield of San Rafael, Marin County, six children, ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, Douglas Maloney will be missed by so many who shared in his work and vision. A man of letters and the law, he practiced what he preached. It is fitting to recognize his extraordinary efforts on behalf of Marin County and its residents. I join the many people who will miss Doug Maloney's inspiration, friendship, bright spirit, and clever quotes delivered with perfect timing and meaning.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer an explanation of the three votes I missed yesterday. March 2, 2010 marked not only Texas Independence Day, but also the 2010 Texas primary, and I